

Extracts.

THE GREAT SNOW.
FROM "WHITE ROSE AND RIND," BY THE
AUTHOR OF "ST. ABE."

Still Frost waited, very still;
Then he pointed north, and still;
Then he pointed north, and still;
The main arm of the snow.

Black as Erebus was,
Ringing, and moon, and star,
Drifting in confusion driven,
Severing struggling, and river,

Whirling, swirling, blown afar,
In an awful whirl of war,
Drifting drifts of dead beneath,
With a melancholy groan,

While the force of his feet,
Ran erect, and moved them fast,
All day long the leopards pined
On an ever-growing blast.

In an ever-growing night,
Fast they eddied on their flight,
With a tramping and a roar,
Like the waves on a wild shore;

With a motion and a sound,
Whirling, driven in a dream,
On they drove in drifts of white,
Burying Drowsie out from sight,

Covering snow and ice and roads,
Shrouding trees and men's abodes,
While the great Pond loaded deep,
Turning over in its sleep.

Grounded—b—t when night came, tomorrow,
Expanded, and the snow-drifts
Wind new with wall and mouth,
Frost and snow on the wall and mouth,

Shaking, and the foot rock under,
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THE GOLD JUPITER.

The worship of Jupiter constituted one of the oldest religious functions of ancient times. He was represented as a majestic figure with a long flowing beard, seated upon a throne, holding a thunderbolt in his right hand and a victory in the other, having at his feet an eagle bearing away Ganymede. The upper part of his body was naked, the lower clothed. All these characters were supposed to have a mystic meaning; the throne denoting stability and security of empire; the nakedness of the upper part of his body, that he was only visible to the higher intelligences and in the celestial part of the universe; the clothing of the lower part, that he was hidden from the inferior world. The sceptre in his right hand signified his omnipotence; the victory in his left, that he was invincible; and the eagle, that he was the lord of heaven. From "The Pilgrimage of the Tiger," by William Davies.

HOW TO COOK A TOMATO.

Let those who think it a very difficult matter to cook tomatoes take courage henceforth. This most beautiful and delicious fruit is easier to cook for those whose palates are healthy and unvitiated than any other fruit in the world. A ripe tomato, when cooked in the oven, for accompanying a chop, or cutlets, or roast mutton, tomatoes prepared as described below are as acceptable as applesauce. Remove from the fruit the stalk and calyx, and wipe them carefully with a dry cloth. Put them in an iron pot which has a close-fitting lid, without any butter or water, or any kind of flavouring. The pot should stand on a brick or stone, or on a hearth near the fire, for about an hour, when the tomatoes will be perfectly cooked in their own juice, and may be served in a hot dish with the gravy that is in them. They may be cooked in half an hour by putting the pot partially over the fire and keeping a sharp eye on it, but this is not recommended. The tomato is a delicate and healthy food, and as delicious as in any case tomatoes can be. —Gardener's Magazine.

GAY SLAVES IN JAMAICA.

At the Christmas-carnival the younger women adorned themselves with all the fashions of the continent; this was often a very fine sight, for their dresses were devoted to the purpose. Nor would their mistresses, whether white or coloured, refuse to assist them, either with gifts or the loan of jewellery and other ornaments. Gaily adorned, the damsels paraded the streets in parties, known as the feds and blues, and the feds and blues, seeking to outshine the other. A kind of rivalry existed, in which their owners often seemed to feel an equal interest. Any indication of want of taste, or of imperfection in the arrangements of the opposite party, was sure to meet with very caustic criticism. The effect was striking. These young women, in their gay and festive mood, were a very fine sight, and many a fair lady of the island, in the midst of her own grief, would have been glad to see them. The feds and blues, in their gay and festive mood, were a very fine sight, and many a fair lady of the island, in the midst of her own grief, would have been glad to see them. The feds and blues, in their gay and festive mood, were a very fine sight, and many a fair lady of the island, in the midst of her own grief, would have been glad to see them.

HOW DANIEL DREW SPELLS.

The Chicago Post vouches for the following story—
A good story is told by a friend of Daniel Drew, who the news of his illness called for. Remaining one evening late in the office, and having occasion to visit a friend, he went to the cashier to go home, remarking that he would close the safe and fix the combination on the word "door." But when the cashier undertook to open the safe in the morning, he found the lock refused to yield to the magic "door." He tried and tried again, but without success. Finally, happening to remember that Daniel had called on him the night before, he attributed his ill luck to poor orthography. He therefore tried the lock upon "door." Still no success; and then upon "door," with no better fortune. Finally, he proceeded to the St. Nicholas, routed "Daniel" out of his choicest morning nap, and as he stuck his high-crowned hat on the door, he said, "Daniel, I can't open the safe on 'door.' Must have concluded to change the word." "Change the word! Nothing of the kind. I shut it on 'door.' 'Are you sure, sir?' 'Sure, sir, you're sure; of course I'm sure.' 'Go back to your work, and don't come fooling round here this time of the morning.' 'Well, perhaps, Mr. Drew, I don't spell it right. How did you spell it?' 'Spell it! Any fool can spell door. D-o-o-r, door, of course, sir. If you can't spell door, sir, you're no cashier for me. Pack up your duds and go out of the door.' And shutting the 'door' in the cashier's face, Daniel returned to his bed in a passion, and the clerk to his safe armed with the open sesame of 'doors.' However, the door was opened, and the cashier, who when Daniel arrived, collected by a good breakfast and his morning prayer, he advised his cashier that he might keep his place, provided he would improve his time and 'go to spellin' school in the evening.'

AN INVENTIVE GUIDE.

On our way we visited a ranchero of Merced Indians, and had a chance to see the squaws pounding acorns into meal; and some of the men, who deem it a disgrace to work, but are willing to do it for a good wage, will add a story which has occurred in the Valley. A tall, gaunt-looking Yankee is said to have made his appearance here one day, and offered his services to the proprietor of the male-train. Although he had never been in the Valley, he declared that his experience in the mountains would enable him to follow the trail, and his study of the map of the Yosemite would make him familiar with the points of interest. Peter—for that is his name—talked so plausibly, that at length a bargain was struck; and he started off with a party. Good judgment took them safely into the Valley, and Peter had a ready answer to all questions. Coming to a place where three great rocks which have descended as if by magic, and which he had seen in the Valley, he said, 'These are the Yosemite Falls,' and said with an air of confidence, 'and ain't them handsome ones?' The party reached Hutchings's all right; and, after tea, Mr. Hutchings, who disapproved of the Yankees of the great scenery, asked, 'These three large rocks which lie one upon another, which we call the Three Brothers.' At this, one of the party suddenly looked up in amazement, and cried, 'Why, Pete, you told us they were the Yosemite Falls.' Pete, ever ready, answered, 'Hang it! no one can keep track of Hutchings's names; for he changes them every week.' And these popular names do change, and often have no significance at all. How much better it would have been to have preserved the old Indian names which have been handed down from generation to generation, and each of which had some appropriate meaning. And even the word 'Yosemite,' which is retained, is Anglified; for the Indian pronounced it 'Yah-wah-yah,' and it is the most useful thing to him—a great grizzly bear. —From 'The Atlantic to the Pacific.'

THE GOLD JUPITER.

With her, she was to be stripped naked and whipped with rods by the priestess and certain of the sisters, after which her hair was to be cut off, and herself constrained to live as a nun for the rest of her days, forgoing her dowry and all reversions to which she might otherwise have succeeded. Her husband, however, had to pay her by year to the convent the sum of six livres parisis for her maintenance. It has already been stated that the houses of traitors were usually called *maisons de traitre*, but the dwellings of convicted murderers were likewise designated. The houses of traitors were marked by the outer door being taken off its hinges; and the Abbey of Compiègne was authorized to remove both doors and windows from the houses of those who were backward in paying their tithes and imposts. The residences of persons who were found guilty of holding communications with a public enemy were razed to the ground. A more terrible punishment naturally awaited convicts of towns, who surrendered the places entrusted to their custody before actual necessity could be pleaded in their defence. Thus, in 1591, the Viscount de Combaix was sentenced to be drawn on a hurdle to the ordinary place of execution, and there hanged on the gallows, for having yielded to the Viscount-Thierry to the king's enemies; the Viscount prudently kept out of the way. Again, in 1606, Baron du Gue, Governor of La Capelle, was found guilty of having cowardly surrendered that place, and was condemned to be torn to pieces by four horses, the several limbs to be hanged from four gibbets on the roads of Bourges, and his head fixed on a pike and set up over the Porte St. Denis. A similar doom for similar misconduct was denounced against Saint-Leger, Governor of La Capelle. In both cases, however, the sentence was carried out upon an effigy. It may here be casually remarked that, upon the 2nd of December, prior to Dr. Guillotin's experiments, the instrument of death in Toulouse, and generally throughout Languedoc, was made on the principle of the Maiden, still exhibited in Edinburgh, and which did service in the time of the Regent Murray. It consisted of two upright timbers, between which was fixed a weighted rod, that was let down quickly and irresistibly upon the neck of the victim. The modern guillotine was tested for the first time on the 15th of April, 1792, at Bicêtre, the subject being a human corpse. —St. James's Magazine.

INSURANCES.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date, and until further notice, the following rates of premium, viz.:—Not exceeding 10 days of the annual rate, above 1 month, and not exceeding 2 months, 1 do. do. Above 2 months, and not exceeding 3 months, 1 do. do. Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 1 do. do. Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, 1 do. do.

PHOENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £40,000, on Buildings, or in Goods stored therein.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine and Fire risks, and on all parts of the world, in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of the business done by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYMPIAN & CO.,

General Agents.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Companies.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REPUTATION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM. Detached and semi-detached Dwellings, Houses, removed from town, 1 per cent. Other dwellings, Houses, and contents, 1 per cent. Other dwellings, Houses, and contents, 1 per cent.

GILMAN & CO.,

Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Companies.

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

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CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

IN conformity with the Special Resolutions adopted and confirmed at the Extraordinary Meetings of Shareholders held on the 1st and 15th instants, altering Clauses Nos. 130, 131, 132, and 133 of the Articles of Association, such changes to take effect from the 1st of November, 1873, the Net Profits of the Company will, from that date, be distributed as follows, viz.:—Two-thirds (2/3rds) to all contributors, whether shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of premium contributed by each. One-third (1/3rd) to Shareholders generally, according to the number of shares held by each.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO.,

General Agents.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER)

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Policies as follows:—MARINE DEPARTMENT. Policies at current rates, payable either here in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.

FIRE DEPARTMENT. Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

A discount of 20% allowed.

LIFE DEPARTMENT. Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000, on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,

Agents, Hongkong, 20th July, 1872.

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THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following rates will be charged in future for the SHORT PERIOD Insurance, viz.:—Not exceeding 10 days of the annual rate, above 1 month, and not exceeding 2 months, 1 do. do. Above 2 months, and not exceeding 3 months, 1 do. do. Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 1 do. do. Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, 1 do. do.

EDWARD NORTON & CO.,

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IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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